

Sinclair in 'Waters of Western India' says that Mother Carey's Chicken 'is known but rare' off the Konkan Coast (*J.B.N.H.S.*, Vol. I, p. 167) and also mentions it as occurring off the Sind Coast (*J.B.N.H.S.*, Vol. 3, p. 7). Phillips records it frequently on a trip from Aden to Karachi (1st to 7th July) and he last saw it within sight of Karachi (*J.B.N.H.S.*, Vol. 46, p. 613).—Eds.]

10.—OCCURRENCE OF THE SNAKE *POLYODONTOPHIS SAGITTARIUS* (CANTOR) NEAR BOMBAY

On the 13th November, when I was shooting with Messrs. H. B. Hayes and F. Sharpe around Ambernath (Kalyan District), we picked up a small snake which has been identified at the Society as *Polyodontophis sagittarius* (Cantor's Polyodont) (length $11\frac{1}{2}$ " ; 205 ventrals, 8 supra-labials).

This is not mentioned in Prater's list of the Snakes of Bombay Island and Salsette (1923), though older specimens from Poona (G. W. Vidal), Salsette, Lonavla (J. P. Mullan), Nagpur, Jhansi and Cannanore (F. Wall) are listed on the card catalogue of the Society's collection. 'The *New Fauna* restricts the distribution to 'North Eastern India from the Central and United Provinces to Eastern Bengal. Wall records it from the Western Himalayas'. ('As far west as Chamba', Wall, *J.B.N.H.S.* xxix, p. 599.)

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11.—CROCODILES BELLOWING

With reference to the two notes on the above in Vol. 45, one by Major R. K. M. Battye (pp. 93/94) and the other by Lt.-Col. H. G. Rossel (pp. 428/29), the following extract from 'The Reptiles of North America' by Raymond L. Ditmars (Doubleday & Co., Incorporated, New York—1946) relating to the Alligator [*A. mississippiensis* (Dauden)] may be of interest.

'Among reptiles the alligator is unique in giving voice to a loud noise or 'bellow'. In the southern swamps the night air carries the call of a large individual for a mile or more. The 'bellowing' of an alligator is hard to describe, as it varies greatly in cadence according to the size of the reptile, from a sound like the gentle 'mooring' of a cow from a small alligator of about five feet, ranges to the thundering and tremulous blast of a big male—ten feet or